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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PROPOSED CANADA/BAHAMAS AIR AGREEMENT

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1. TCO MET WITH FULFORD (DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY DIVISION, EXTAFF) AND SIMARD (MEMBER OF HIS STAFF) JULY 21 AND INFORMALLY MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL B. FULFORD NOTED USG VIEWS BUT GAVE NO INDICATION WHAT GOC POSITION WOULD BE. HE INDICATED, AS OTHER SOURCES HAD PREVIOUSLY, THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH BAHAMAS HAS A LOW PRIORITY SO FAR AS GOC IS CONCERNED. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT AIR CANADA OPERATES PRESENTLY WITHOUT BENEFIT OF AN AGREEMENT AND GOC OBVIOUSLY WOULD WANT TO PROTECT AIR CANADA'S POSITION IN THE MARKET. HE SAID IT WAS CONCEIVABLE THAT BAHAMAS MIGHT PUT PRESSURE ON AIR CANADA'S OPERATIONS IF NEGOTIATIONS NOT HELD SOON AND THAT HE WAS THEREFORE TENTATIVELY PLANNING INCLUDE BAHAMAS IN GOC NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE FOR FIRST HALF OF 1976.

2. WITH RESPECT TO WINDSOR HE NOTED THAT MEXICO ALREADY HAS RIGHTS THERE WHICH IT IS NOT USING. HE ALSO BROUGHT

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UP INCREASING CONGESTION AT TORONTO WHICH HE INTIMATED

MAY HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BY DIVERTING SOME TRAFFIC
FROM MALTON. NEW AIRPORT AT PICKERING JUST EAST OF
TORONTO (SEE OTTAWA 0620) WILL HELP IN THIS WHEN OPEN,
BUT MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE. A TRAFFIC NODE TO THE WEST
MIGHT BE USEFUL AND WINDSOR, WHICH IS MAINTAINED TO
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, WOULD FIT THAT BILL. HOWEVER,
WHETHER THIS TYPE OF THINKING WILL GOVERN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE GOC'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE BAHAMAS
REQUEST WAS NOT CERTAIN AT THE PRESENT TIME.
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